M.P. Government evicting people living around ponds

2167. SHRI KAILASH JOSHI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Madhya Pradesh Government is forcibly evicting people living below poverty line around the village ponds on the pretext of environmental pollution;

(b) if so, whether the State Government have issued such orders without earmarking land for their rehabilitation;

(c) what are the reasons that such orders are not applicable to State/Centre establishments and other residents around the village ponds; and

(d) whether Central Government have issued any instruction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) No, Sir. Accordingly to the Government of Madhya Pradesh no such forcible evictions are being done.

(b) and (c) Questions do not arise.

(d) The Central Government has not issued any instructions in this regard.

Houses constructed under IAY in Faridkot District, Punjab

†2168. SHRIMATI GURCHARAN KAUR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of houses constructed during 1995 to 2001 in Faridkot district of Punjab under Indira Awas Yojana; and

(b) the village-wise details thereof and the funds allocated therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a)and (b) Indira Awas Yojana (IAY) was a sub-scheme of erstwhile Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY). It became an independent scheme during 1996-97 and since then district-wise monitoring is being done. A total number of 725 houses were constructed under IAY in Faridkot District, Punjab during 1996—2001 by

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incurring an expenditure of Rs. 118.70 lakh. The Ministry of Rural Development does not monitor village-wise performance under IAY.

Funds to Rajasthan under NSAP

2169. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated to Rajasthan under National Social Assistance Programme during the year 2001-2002; and

(b) the funds utilised under National Old Age Pension Scheme, National Family Benefit Scheme and National Maternity Benefit Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) The funds allocated to Rajasthan during the year 2001-2002 under the two components of National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP), namely the National Old Age Pension Scheme (NOAPS) and the National Family Benefit Scheme (NFBS) were Rs. 1324.40 lakh and Rs. 368.81 lakh respectively. The National Maternity Benefit Scheme (NMBS) was transferred to the Department of Family Welfare to be part of the Population Stabilization Programme with effect from 1.4.2001.

(b) The funds reported to be utilised by the State of Rajasthan under the National Old Age Pension Scheme, the National Family Benefit Scheme and the National Maternity Benefit Scheme during the year 2001-02 are Rs. 1534.78 lakh, Rs. 273.52 lakh and Rs. 52.86 lakh respectively.

Funds for Watershed Projects in Andhra Pradesh

2170. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had released funds for Watershed Development Projects in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the total amount released for these projects; and

(c) the number of projects to be taken up under this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Department of Land Resources in the Ministry of Rural Development has been implementing three watershed development programmes namely the Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP), Drought